

## THE STATE OF EUROPE.

From Our Own Correspondent

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The Polish insurrection has had great losses. During the last week, on the Prussian frontier, the band of Taczanowski has been defeated, and Major Strelitzki, one of the bravest officers of the army, was killed while covering the retreat. On the Austrian frontier, Jeziorowski, the chief of all the partisan leaders, was likewise defeated; and the foreign Franco-Italian Legion, led by Garibaldi's heroic Lieutenant, Nullo, descended by Austrian spies to the Russians, fell into a trap. Deeds of the most daring heroism could not save the devoted band; Nullo was killed at the head of his friends, who were slain, dispersed, and taken prisoners. Still, such was the respect of the Russians, that they honored the brilliant Garibaldian chief with all the honors due to a General, and set two of his officers free to act as chief mourners at the solemn burial. Mieroslawski, who organized a guerrilla band independently of the Central Secret Government, was demobilized by the spies to the Russians, and defeated. But while on the western and southern frontier the Poles are worsted, S. magogia in the north-east, and the Lithuanian Provinces up to Mohilev, and Kiev, are in full insurrection, Kolisko and Narbut being their most lucky chiefs. The telegraph brings us the welcome news of an insurrection in Volhynia, Podolia, and the Ukraine, but such news is too good to be easily credited. As you know, there are three nationalities on the soil of Poland, the Poles, the Lithuanians, or White Russians, and the Red Russians. Of these, the Poles are all up in arms, the Lithuanians have already joined them, but the Red Russians, or Ruthenes, who are of the Greek United Church, and inhabit Volhynia and Podolia, remained until now rather neutral. Close to their country are the Little Russians, better known under the name of Cossacks, in the Ukraine. These, too, have sufficient reason to revolt. Up to the reign of the Empress Catharine they were all freemen; it was the Emperor who made them serfs, and gave 12,000 families of them as a present to her paramour, Prince Rasoulovski. Many of them were forcibly transported, and settled on the Kuban. They were deprived of their privileges, especially of that which formerly allowed them to elect their military chief under the title of Hetman (headman); it is now always one of the Imperial Princes who takes that title. Should, therefore, the news prove true that the Cossacks of the Ukraine have risen in insurrection and elected a Hetman of their own, there would be no more doubt as to the ultimate success of the revolution embracing all the South of Russia. I saw lately and heard of several leading Poles who are fully convinced that the cause of Poland is soon to get material proofs of English and French sympathy. It is believed that France or rather the Emperor Napoleon will make peace with Mexico immediately after the fall of Puebla, and that he is preparing for a Polish campaign; he hopes, however, that the Emperor of Russia will yield to the public opinion of Europe and grant the autonomy of the Polish provinces.

It is true that Alexander II. stands quite isolated now among the princes of the continent, nobody but the crazy King of Prussia supporting him, and King William I. is still involved in a serious feud with his own people. The Prussian Chamber, insulted day after day by a Ministry which measures scarcely twenty-five votes, begins to discuss an address to the Crown, which, by its boldness, reminds us of the Parliament of Charles I. It is to be seen how far the country may break Parliament. Austria, according to her wont, carries on a treacherous game, and believes that statecraft consists in playing at once fast and loose. King Leopold of Belgium works hard to preserve peace, well aware that a French war against a Prusso-Russian alliance could not fail to extend the frontiers of France to the Rhine; therefore he has already declared that he would join France in spite of Belgian neutrality, in case that war could not be avoided. The Italian Government is, on the other hand, rather like wrens, a matronish alliance between Prince Humbert and a Leuchtenberg Prince having been contemplated between the Courts of Turin and St. Petersburg; but Italian public opinion pronounces itself as strongly here as in England or France, much to the displeasure of the Italian Cabinet, which is rather embarrassed how to find a wife for the Prince Royal. Portugal, France, Belgium, and Sweden have now no princesses of marriageable age. Religious difficulties stand in the way of an English princess. Spain, Austria, and the German Princes, not having recognized the new kingdom of Italy, do not want to ally themselves with the revolutionary king. Russia alone offers an eligible princess, or, perhaps, Denmark, though immediately, the Princess Tyra being as yet too young to marry.

## The Indian War in Minnesota.

The entire military force that will be left to guard the frontier during the campaign is summed up in the following table:

Total	864 men.
Eight companies of the 5th Regiment	700 men.
Two companies of Mounted Rangers	100 men.
One company of the 7th Regiment	90 men.

This statement will relieve the apprehensions that have been entertained by many, lest they should be abandoned to their fate during the absence of the expedition.

When the expedition will move, is a matter of some uncertainty. It is designed to act in conjunction with Gen. Cook, who is to move forward from Sioux City, Iowa. As the low water has prevented his receiving supplies some delay will ensue. Gen. Bishop has intimated to leave St. Paul for Camp Pope on Wednesday next, where he will await further advice from Gen. Cook.

The troops which are to compose the expedition consist of all of:

The 5th Regiment

Nine companies of the 7th Regiment

Two companies of the 10th Regiment

Nine companies of the Mounted Rangers

One battery of eight pieces

Two companies of the 5th Regiment

One company of the 7th Regiment

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